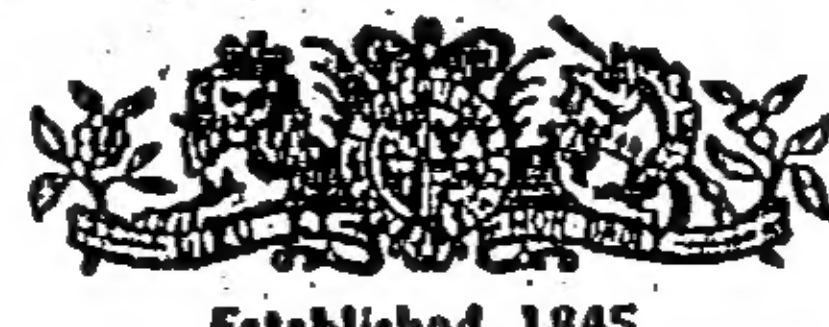


THE WEATHER

Moderate to fresh gusty Northerly winds. Becoming cloudy and cold again tonight. Temperature at 1 pm 59 degrees Fahrenheit, relative humidity 29 per cent.

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Comment of the day

STAMPEDE TO SAFETY

WHAT do we say to someone who has lost everything? No words, however sympathetically expressed, seem adequate. Individual tragedy is an experience most have felt at one time or another. Multiply this by the 11,000 made homeless in the Hunghom fire yesterday morning and the word disaster assumes a meaning that is at once appalling and horrible. Seated in upholstered comfort and air-conditioned warmth we find it hard to see in true focus the picture of ill-accommodated, impoverished and wretched community. But we can try to imagine the silence of the night being shattered by screams and cries, and the alarm and pandemonium which immediately gripped the entire area. Sleep is brutally stripped away. Fear and horror, fed by vivid imagination at the hour when human resistance is lowest, overwhelms reason. There is a rush to grab screaming, terrified children and snatch a garment to ward off the sharp chill of the pre-dawn air. And then begins the nightmare stampede to safety.

THE aftermath is another experience again; survival is a poor consolation for having lost everything. There is no bank account to fall back on, no insurance to claim, no sympathetic relatives or friends to put up with. There is a hot meal and a temporary shelter for today and tomorrow begins the task of building a new life out of the ruins of the past. The intrinsic value of their possessions may be trifling but they are the hard-won gains acquired from the time of their last memorable stampede — that one from oppression or starvation in the land of their birth to a haven of hope called Hongkong.

Perhaps the squatter who has found refuge here still reckons life worthwhile despite his misfortune. If he does, he is more to be admired than many of us who so easily succumb to self pity and despondency in the face of tragedy.

SOME may feel that no words can adequately convey their sympathy. Their contributions in cash and kind will be welcome. Others will wonder whether fire precautions in this and other squatter areas are adequate, even though none will blame the Brigade for the extent of the destruction. The untimely arrival of high winds was undoubtedly to blame for the tenacity of the flames and the wonder is that the toll of dead and injured was so low. All those who took part in the operation have earned the community's gratitude for service given spontaneously and wholeheartedly.

It is to be hoped however that squatter control officials as well as the Fire Brigade will hold an inquiry to see whether there are any improvements that can be made to minimize the danger of similar conflagrations in the future. Smaller squatter areas, bigger fire breaks and lanes, reduced congestion, the segregation of squatter industries from homes, communal or centralized cooking facilities, more effective supervision and administration and better publicity to drive home safety lessons are among several ideas which need to be considered.

Men telephoned families of impending danger

U.S. RADAR TOWER DISASTER

Little hope of survivors in stormy Atlantic

New York, Jan. 16.

Cryptic tapping noises 100 feet below the Atlantic waves, making "a kind of coded message that could come only from men", today caused a brief surge of hope of survivors among 28 men aboard a radar tower demolished in a storm 80 miles off the coast here last night.

POLE DENIES STEALING CONSULATE FUNDS

Sydney, Jan. 16. Dr Ryszard Zieliński, the former Polish Commercial Attaché here who has been granted political asylum, denied tonight that he had stolen £3,000 from the till and all the books which are the property of the Polish Consulate. Shortly after the Australian Government last Saturday announced that Dr Zieliński, with his wife and two children, had been granted asylum, the Polish Consul General, Czesław Kasprzak, alleged that the attaché had stolen £3,000 from official funds.

A photostat copy of a written statement by Dr Zieliński denying the charge was produced tonight by an Australian Government spokesman. With it was a copy of an audit of Consulate funds. —Reuter.

New protests marches in Belgium

Brussels, Jan. 16. Some 3,000 Socialist sympathisers, headed by red flags and a band playing the "Internationale", marched through Brussels today to protest against the Government's austerity bill.

There was no violence although shopkeepers on the route clanged down steel shutters and heavy police details guarded key points.

The march broke up peacefully to shouts of "Eyskens to the gallows."

Some 6,000 strikers staged another demonstration at Charleroi where public services unions defied a government order that continuation of the walkout would result in suspension of workers without pay.

The Christian workers unions, cloof from the Socialist-led strikes, admitted that heavy industries at Liège, Charleroi, central Belgium and part of the Mons region still were strike-bound. —UPI.

FIRST STORM OF YEAR

Tokyo, Jan. 17. This year's first tropical storm hit today moving towards Manila.

The United States Air Force weather office here yesterday afternoon located Rita 700 miles southeast of Manila. It was moving north-northwest at five miles per hour.

Winds within the storm were 40 miles per hour. Storm Rita was expected to be 634 miles east-southeast of Manila today. —Reuter.

Divers were rushed to the scene by helicopter but tonight Rear-Admiral Allen Shinn, aboard the aircraft carrier Wasp, reported the tapping had become weaker, then stopped. He added, "I am very pessimistic that anyone can be recovered. Right now the prospects are not good at all. The water is very cold and the air supply — if the men were trapped in an air pocket — may be gone."

Skin divers had gone down but failed to reach the wreckage. Heavy diving equipment, necessary for any rescue effort, was not expected until later tonight and even then operations might have to wait till morning, he said. Meanwhile, fog was coming up over the scene.

Tapping

The Admiral said the tapping could have been "the sound of wreckage scraping against the bottom" but that the commander of the destroyer McCaffery which first heard them was positive that they were made by humans.

The McCaffery said the remains of the structure were entirely below surface depth, and urgently requested "all possible salvage equipment."

The three-legged tower, 80 miles off the New York coast, disappeared after reporting by radio that it was "breaking up due to heavy weather."

The Navy ship supplying the tower reported last night that its radar image disappeared about 10 minutes after the first distress message. Winds at the time were from 50 to 70 knots and waves 35 feet high were battering the concrete pillars.

Damage

The three-legged \$750,000 tower was manned by 14 servicemen and 14 civilians. It had been temporarily evacuated last November 17 after the discovery of damage of the concrete supports, caused by Hurricane Donna.

TOWER UNSAFE

Hours before the radar tower disappeared under the stormy Atlantic, men aboard her were telephoning their families of their danger.

One was Raymond J. Martel, 34-year-old father of three boys. He telephoned his wife at Biddeford, Maine, a few hours before the tragedy and told her the tower was unsafe. He said he would be evacuated shortly.

Like 27 other airmen and civilians working on the hurricane-damaged structure, Martel is missing. A similar telephone call came to Mr and Mrs Sanders H. Jones, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Heavy seas

It was from their son, Airman 2/C Leland H. Jones, 23, a plumber from Otis Air Force base who had put in his 45-day tour on the tower and was to have left for home today. Young Jones told his parents on Sunday that he was afraid heavy seas would engulf the tower and it would go down.

Fear of the tower's condition was expressed by S. Sgt. Kenneth H. Green of Elmira, New York, even before he returned to duty on the structure on January 4.

Mrs Esther Green, wife of the 27-year-old sergeant, said Green had spoken to a superior officer about his fears and the officer "agreed that the tower was very shaky."

"He (Kenneth) didn't want to go back," Mrs Green recalled. —AP.

Munro-Smith tells of accident

Bruce Munro-Smith, summonsed on traffic offences following an accident in which a boy was killed, said this morning that he had "no feeling that his car had run over the child."

He said he had the impression that after the impact, the boy was knocked away from his car.

He also said that the only reason why he had not stopped immediately after the accident was that he intended to look for a suitable place to stop his car so that the traffic would not be obstructed.

Munro-Smith was testifying in his defence at Causeway Bay Court after Mr I. T. Morris had ruled that defendant had a case

to answer on the charges of dangerous driving and driving a car with defective brakes.

"At the beginning of the session, Munro-Smith pleaded guilty to another summons of driving without a valid licence through Mr J. C. B. Black, of Meads Doanons.

In answer to a question put to him by Mr Black, Smith said "neither the child nor I was to blame for that unfortunate accident."

Hearing continues this afternoon.

Put in-laws in picture



When the Rosse family posed for a souvenir picture, it was Princess Margaret, who with her husband, Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones, was staying with them in Elre, who arranged the grouping. Here, in biting wind and rain, the Royal "in-laws" pose on the steps of Birr Castle, the Earl of Rosse's home in County Offaly. Picture shows: Front row: Princess Margaret and Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones, with the Countess of Rosse (his mother) on the left, and Lord Rosse. Back row, L to R: Lord Oramstown (Mr Armstrong-Jones's half-brother), Viscount de Vesel, Lady de Vesel (Mr Armstrong-Jones's sister), Lady de Vesel being obscured by Lord Rosse. —Express Photo.

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED BY GOVERNMENT

Police chief's warning on HK triad menace

The Commissioner of Police, Mr H. W. E. Heath, has sounded a warning on Triad societies in a new Government handbook.

EUROPEANS INJURED IN KENYA RIOTING

Nairobi, Jan. 16. Two European officers were injured when police were stoned in a fresh outbreak of political rioting in Nakuru in Kenya's White Highlands tonight.

The police baton-charged crowds of Africans and forced them to disperse.

A raid on the offices of both African political parties disclosed armories of clubs, iron bars and sticks, police said.

When the nighting spread to the market place, six people including one woman were arrested. Three other arrests were made outside the office of the Kenya African Union (KANU) when an African tried to hit a European inspector with a stick.

Police cleared the main street and order was later restored.

BAN ON MEETINGS. The rioting followed last night's fighting in Nakuru's main street between supporters of the KANU and the Kenya African Democratic Union. This had led to a ban on African meetings in the district.

Crowds had gathered tonight outside both party offices, ignoring an appeal to disperse from the District Commissioner, Mr John Howard.

Both parties are campaigning for Kenya's general elections next month, which will give Africans a majority in the Legislative Council for the first time. —Reuter.

Train hits truck

Tokyo, Jan. 17. One person was killed and 18 were injured, five seriously, today, in a collision between an inter-urban train and a gravel truck. One railway coach was derailed and plunged off a 20-foot high bridge. —AP.

In his forward to "Triad Societies in Hongkong" written by Detective Sub-Inspector W. P. Morgan, Mr Heath said that although individual and factional differences and ambitions have led to the breakdown of central control, a nucleus capable of reform and reorganization still exists.

"And such is the potential strength of a unified society within Hongkong that outside interests may well be tempted to assist or encourage such reorganization for their own purpose."

1941 RECALLED

Mr Heath goes on to say that "possible reorganization is a danger which we must acknowledge and prevent with all the measures at our disposal."

Mr Heath recalled that in 1941 "only extreme vigilance on the part of the authorities prevented the societies from carrying out their declared intention to assist the Japanese in their invasion of Hongkong."

He also recalled more recent history. "In 1950, a political disturbance in Kowloon was developed by Triad members into a period of anarchy and bloodshed which necessitated the use of firearms by the authorities before it could be brought under control."

Mr Heath said that triad societies, who today were believed to have a membership of one in six of the population, had been a feature of the local scene for 116 years and for 113 years special ordinances and related legislation had been created in attempts to deal with the problem.

He said in 1847, when the British garrison in Hongkong was depleted by providing troops for an expedition to Canton, local societies attempted to exploit that weakness and carry out armed attacks on the township of Victoria.

STRONGER

Mr Heath said Triad societies were today numerically stronger than at any other time in their history. He said legal enactments alone cannot destroy an organization of such magnitude. Haphazard arrests of individual members cannot seriously weaken the societies which continually recruited new members.

"All available resources must be concentrated on curbing its potential for evil and assisting to speed up its own process of self-destruction."

"In particular, it is necessary that action be directed against the controlling officials and pressure maintained until such time that organized Triad activity collapses from lack of members willing to accept positions of responsibility that will automatically expose them to personal attention by the forces of law and order."

In his book, Inspector Morgan said the Triads still exercise control over the livelihood of a large section of the community. But he holds out hope that their activities can be curbed.

"If the authorities can continue planned and determined action," he writes "against the more troublesome and powerful societies and officials there is no reason why the Triad menace should not be reduced within a few years to an increasingly small number."

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Russian warning to U.S.

Moscow, Jan. 16.

The Soviet Government today warned the United States about "the serious responsibility" it assumed in "continuing to interfere in the internal affairs of Laos," Tass reported.

The protest came in a verbal representation by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Kuznetsov, who received the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow, Mr Llewellyn Thompson.

The representation was made in connection with the use of American military planes in Laos, the agency said.

At Tha Thom, in Central Laos, Bruce Russell of Reuters reported that following rebel forces, filtering through jungle mountain passes, were within eight miles of the town, the last Government-held airstrip in Kiang Khouang Province.

Russell today landed on the little airstrip set between two sheer mountain ranges 30 miles southeast of the town of Kiang Khouang.

Government forces are using this airstrip as a supply point to send up for an attempt to retake the town which fell to leftwing forces on January 1.

CUT OFF

The commander at Tha Thom, Major Kavayphorn, said, "We are almost completely surrounded. Pathet Lao guerrillas have cut off our retreat in the mountains behind here and now Pathet Lao and Vietnamese forces are attacking us from the front."

Counsel Kham Khong, directing operations from Pakxane, over the mountains to the south, said that "The Thoms can hold out as long as the Pathet Lao do not bring up heavy artillery."

Major Kavayphorn said the left wing forces could reach the airstrip within a day, but he did not believe they could bring artillery through the jungle so quickly.

He has 400 troops under his command but desperately needs reinforcements, he said.

Four Laotian Y8 trainer planes went out on a second rocket strike today.

ALTERNATIVE

The Government are making preparations for an alternative airstrip at Pakxane to try to limit the rebel drive which could cut Laos in two at its narrow central neck.

Colonel Kham Khong said the fall of Tha Thom would not threaten Pakxane immediately as rebel forces would have to march eight days over the mountains to reach the town.

He said the Pathet Lao has two planes and a single engine Beaver—and are using them to direct artillery fire. —AP & Reuter.

TWO KILLED

Paris, Jan. 16.

Two men were killed and one wounded in a Paris suburb today when Muslims fired on groups of other Muslims in two separate attacks, police said. —Reuter.

1,000 police and firemen arrested in Brazil

Sao Paulo, Jan. 16. Some 1,000 firemen and police officers were under arrest in their barracks today after marching on the Sao Paulo provincial governor's palace last weekend demanding a pay increase.

Although the federal army which quelled the uprising was master of the situation here families of the arrested officers marched in protest through the city streets today

bearing placards announcing order is re-established but we are hungry.

The arrested mutineers had marched in orderly fashion up to the palace of Governor Osvaldo Pinho disarmed the guard and reached the palace gardens.

The Governor gave the order to open fire on the first man who set foot on the palace steps and appealed to the federal army for help.

Tragedy was just averted as a riot of federal cavalry arrived and herded the mutineers back to their barracks. Governor Pinho made all those implicated sign a confession of guilt.

The incident grew out of the refusal of Sao Paulo provincial authorities to align two units of the police force with those of the Civil Guard. —AP.

WEST GERMAN BID TO AVOID NEW POLITICAL SQUABBLE Adenauer agrees to successor

Erhard named as next Chancellor

Bonn, Jan. 16. Dr Konrad Adenauer, 85-year-old West German Chancellor, agreed to let Professor Ludwig Erhard, his popular Economics Minister be named as his eventual successor, Government sources said today.

Observers believe that with a federal election due this autumn, the ruling Christian Democrats are anxious to avoid any repetition of the events of 1959, when the two men engaged in public strife.

Dr Adenauer had agreed to stand for the Presidency, leaving the Chancellery clear for Professor Erhard, but suddenly changed his mind and expressed doubts about Professor Erhard's qualifications for the post.

Usually reliable sources said today Dr Adenauer's agreement to Professor Erhard's nomination was "relevant" partly because the Chancellor was not actively considering the succession and partly because he had not dropped his previous objections.



LUDWIG ERHARD

Several West German newspapers reported today that the influential Bavarian section of the Christian Democratic party was pressing for Dr Adenauer to remain Chancellor until 1963, when Professor Erhard would take over as a "transitional Chancellor."

Professor Erhard is 63.—Reuters.

EXPLOSION IN CHINA'S NUCLEAR CENTRE?

New York, Jan. 16. Newsweek magazine said today that an explosion took place last month in China's Sinkiang nuclear research centre where it said scientists are trying to build China's first atomic bomb.

"Several scientists were killed and the centre was damaged," the magazine said. "This delayed report came from a member of the East German Atomic Energy Commission who is privy to such information."—AP.

Canadian wheat for China

Ottawa, Jan. 16. The Canadian Agriculture Minister, Mr Alvin Hamilton told the House of Commons today that negotiations were under way for the sale of Canadian wheat to China. China has reportedly been suffering a food shortage because of a bad harvest last year, attributed to natural disaster.—AFP.

CENSORSHIP TEASER FOR LORD MORRISON



Dag refuses request to withdraw UN Congo representative

United Nations, Jan. 16. UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld today flatly refused a request by Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu that Indian Ambassador Rajeshwar Dayal be removed as the chief UN representative in the Congo.

"I find it impossible to accede to your demand for his recall," Mr Hammarskjöld said in a letter to President Kasavubu dated January 15 and made public today.

Mr Hammarskjöld said he would put the President's demand before the Security Council for such action as it may feel is warranted.

Mr Hammarskjöld complained that he had learned of Mr Kasavubu's demand through the news agencies several hours before the President's letter was dispatched.

He also reminded Mr Kasavubu that when they met face to face in Leopoldville on January 5 Mr Kasavubu did not raise the question of Mr Dayal's recall. The Secretary-General said this was "regrettable".

Firm instructions

Mr Hammarskjöld pointed out that Mr Dayal, in his capacity as the special representative in the Congo, is a senior official of the UN Secretariat. Therefore, he said, Mr Dayal is not a diplomatic representative subject to being declared persona non grata.

Mr Hammarskjöld also said that Mr Dayal had firm instructions not to take orders from any government.

He said Mr Kasavubu's complaint did not bear out his accusation that Mr Dayal acted in an "irresponsible" and "impartial" manner.—UPI.

ARMENIAN LEADER REMOVED

Rome, Jan. 16. The First Secretary of the Soviet Armenian Communist Party, Akopovich Tovmasian, has been removed from his post, upon the personal intervention of Frol Kozlov, Soviet Union First Vice-Premier, and Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, the Continental News Agency reported today.

The Continental agency, which specialises in Eastern European (Communist bloc) news, said that Kozlov had gone to Armenia personally, following opposition by the leaders of the Soviet Republic of Armenia, to the directives of the Soviet Union's Communist Party.

Kozlov demanded, and obtained, Tovmasian's removal.

Tovmasian was reportedly replaced by Yakov Nikitovich Zorobian, who was the Second Secretary of the Armenian Communist Party and a member of the Supreme Soviet since 1950.

In 1958 Zorobian was elected a member of the "Soviet of Nationalities", one of the two houses of the Supreme Soviet.

The agency said Tovmasian's removal was motivated by failure to increase Armenia's agricultural production, particularly in silk, wine, and citrus fruits.—AFP.

American in space in 1961?

Washington, Jan. 16. President Eisenhower said in his budget message today that United States scientists were hopeful they could put a man in orbit around the earth this year.

He also said the launching of an unmanned satellite to the moon may take place this year and space probes to Mars and Venus next year.

The president observed that further testing and experimentation would be necessary to establish whether there were valid scientific reasons for extending Project Mercury, the man-in-space programme, by attempting to send two or three men into orbit together.

Mr Eisenhower's budget called for expenditures of \$985 million on space exploration in the fiscal year beginning next July 1, or \$195 million more than estimated spending in the current fiscal year.—Reuters.

Wounded doctor dies

Elisabethville, Jan. 16. Dr Mottouille, chief physician of the hospital in the northern Katanga town of Luena died today of wounds received when Baluba rebels attacked his hospital, a reliable source reported.

The doctor, a Belgian, died in the hospital in Katanga, where he was lifted by helicopter last night.

Dr Mottouille was at the entrance of his hospital when Balubas attacked the building, he was struck in the head with a bullet.

It was reported in Johannesburg, that six light planes—purchased as reinforcements for the infant Katanga air force—left here today for Elisabethville, flown by white South African pilots.

NO PILOTS

Katanga's President, Moise Tshombe paid a total of \$31,000 to a private South African aircraft firm, for the six Piper planes.

The aircraft are expected to arrive in Elisabethville airport on Tuesday.

The pilots ferrying them to Katanga will return immediately, after making the delivery and will not fly for the Katanga air force.

Katanga at present has no Katangan pilots and it is assumed Mr Tshombe will have to borrow men from the Belgian Air Force to fly the planes for him.—AFP & AP.

SIX MISSING IN NAVY BLAZE

Charleston, SC, Jan. 17. A pier at the U.S. Naval base here was heavily damaged by fire on Monday, and the Navy said six men were unaccounted for when the fire was brought under control.

At least six other men were injured.

The fire occurred at the Navy's depinning station, where vessels are demagnetised.—AP.

U.S. MUSCLE CLUBS, MAGAZINES INVESTIGATED 51 ACCUSED OF POSTING OBSCENE MATERIAL

Chicago, Jan. 16. A federal grand jury today accused 51 men of sending or conspiring to send obscene material through the mails.

The 14 indictments grew out of an investigation of so-called "pen pal" clubs that advertised for members in two magazines that were illustrated with photographs of mostly nude musclemen.

U.S. District Attorney Robert Ticken and Post Office inspectors issued a joint statement that set forth:

"The return of the indictments culminates an intensive six-month investigation by postal inspectors and the federal grand jury of the Adonis Male

Club and the International Body Culture Association, who solicited members by means of free advertising in the male magazines 'Physique-muscle display type 'Vim' and 'Gym'.

"The 'Pen Pal' clubs were operated by Nirvana Walters, the wife of the magazine editor and husband, Jack Walters, who undertook to furnish members monthly with the name of a correspondent with whom they could exchange letters and pictures for a membership fee of \$5.

"Correspondence by members between themselves, with the magazines and with the clubs contained obscene matter."

BETWEEN MALES

"Postal authorities," the statement said, "have repeatedly said that the biggest increase in obscenity has occurred in the field of correspondence between males with deviate tendencies."

The indictments were returned before Judge Joseph Sam Perry in the U.S. District Court who set bond at \$1,000 each for the defendants.—AP.

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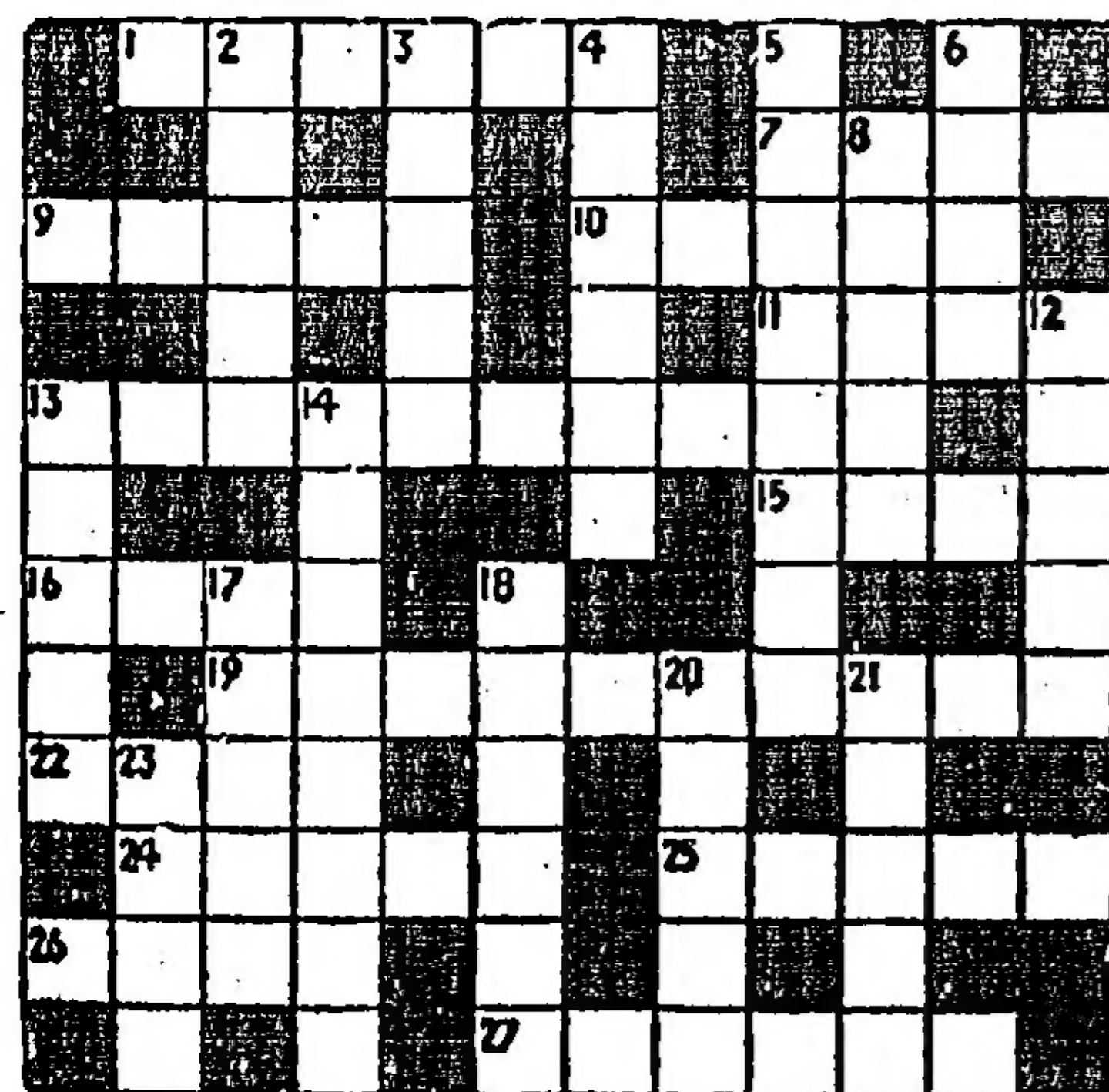
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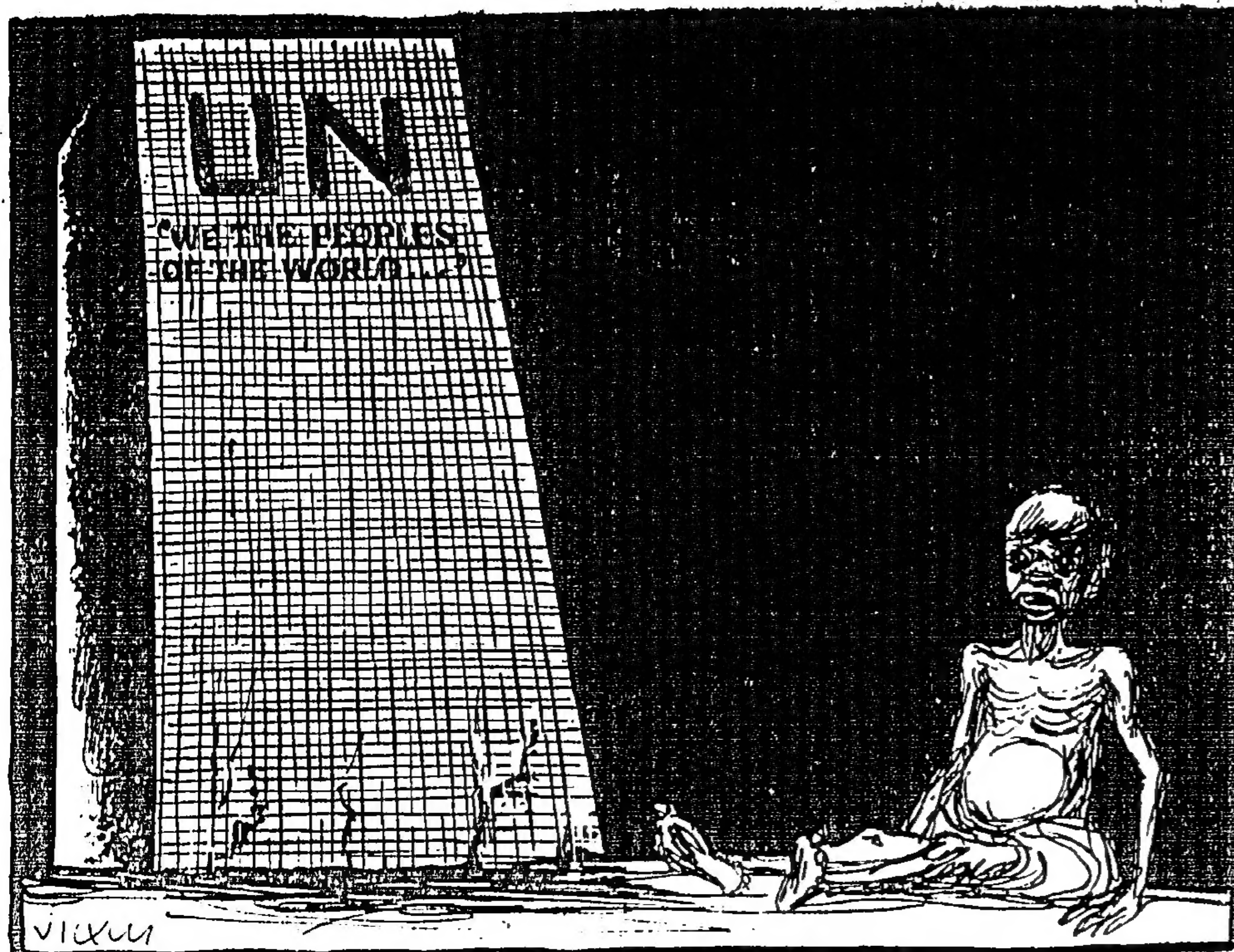
A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Sharpended boat? (6)
- 2 Body, symbolic of strength. (5)
- 3 Tintern Abbey for instance. (4)
- 4 Give up and start again. (6)
- 5 Wile is associated with this country! (5)
- 6 Making very wet. (8)
- 7 Weight of a missile? (5)
- 8 Grave carriage. (4)
- 9 Long drawn out message? No. (4)
- 10 Put into parliament? (5)
- 11 Applaud vociferously. (5)
- 12 Dry-eyed. (8)
- 13 Troops? It all depends. (10)
- 14 Most motorists carry one. (6)
- 15 I'll sound for land. (4)
- 16 Peacefully, obdurate. (6)
- 17 Entertaining body in wartime. (4)
- 18 The French soldier's farewell (5)
- 19 One who has an urge for publicity! (5, 5)
- 20 To engender emotionally. (8)
- 21 Not spurious. (4)
- 22 She means peace. (5)
- 23 Modern republic. (4)
- 24 What you might call satire. (5)
- 25 Very French— (4)
- 26 Quill pens? (8)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Bo-peep, 4 Cross, 7 Collar, 8 Waist, 10 Rock, 12 Limited, 15 Anger, 16 Same, 17 Otto, 19 Pains, 20 Muscles, 21 Stop, 23 Antic, 24 Commit, 25 Adage, 26 Frolic. Down: 2 Back-room, 3 Pole-cats, 5 Exam, 6 Bravado, 8 System, 9 Virus, 11 Knocking, 12 Loper, 13 Tasteless, 14 Despoils, 16 Turned, 22 Door.



London Express Service.

Shalimar

I'm just back from
a wonderland
by the Queen is going to
Patricia Lewis



"BETTER take your fur coat, dear," they said in London. "It can be very cold in Pakistan at this time of year."
So I packed my coat and winter woollies and jet-streamed into Karachi.

The dawn was cool when I arrived—say 60 degrees—but by the time lunch was over most of the native population was laid out along the streets in various stages of heat exhaustion.

The twinset

Still the locals say I was British (they could tell by my twinset and tweed skirt) and therefore mad; so what more natural than to take the memsahib on a sight-seeing trip in what was by now 80-degree winter sunshine?

Note to the royal party: soon to leave for India and Pakistan. Ignore all that well-meant advice about parky Pakistan. It's decidedly hot. Put the blink on your milk and pack lots of cool, sleeveless silks and light weight suits, and a straw sun-hat if protocol allows. A spare good mosquito net is vital as the bugs of Bengal are uncommonly potent and pernicious.

Sweating, sweating a plague on all misinformants and trailed by three snice-charmers who had suddenly roused themselves and their doxy, cobras from the shadows, I followed my guide Abdul to a taxi.

In insurance office, "Protect your children like a Moess!"

Note to royal party: Don't bother to bargain-hunt. Most "local" items—including carpets and beaten silver from Kashmir and that chunky gem-strewn jewellery—are cheaper, as you probably know, in Birmingham.

The plans

Abdul took me back to town and, after a couple of stiff sun-downers, revealed his plans for the morrow.

"We will go to all the most exciting places. First, Lahore to see the beautiful Shalimar Gardens. Then to Peshawar and the Khyber Pass."

"Splendid!" I interrupted, my heart pounding at the sound of such a romantic name. "How much luggage should I take?"

"No need for luggage at all," replied Abdul, smoothly. "We go there and come back in a day."

"I shall collect you tomorrow morning at 5 am. Don't forget to bring your coat—it may be cold on the North-West Frontier. Goodnight."

And he hurried out into the deep purple evening.

On the coach, at the airport, in the plane—while dawn had yet to erase the sky—Abdul was the life of the early morning tea-party.

At by the time he had told me his 18th birthday story and given me his card—"your friends will have need of me here"—for the fourth time, we were swooping down on Lahore.

It was 8 am and already 30 in the shade.

"Most unusual for this time of year," said Abdul feebly as, with baleful looks, I shed top-coat and cardigan. "But let us to the Gardens of Shalimar..."

"The 'pale hands beside' and all that jazz," I finished wearily, for in that heat the mysterious East could remain a mystery as far as I was concerned.

The gardens

Yet Shalimar is quite something. Built over 300 years ago by Shah Jehan in 17 months, it comprises over 40 acres of lawns and plantations threaded by ornamental waterways, lakes, fountains. Unfortunately, the morning I was there it seemed to comprise 40 acres of silent fountain and green, stagnant pools of dirty water. Not at all romantic.

It was colourful enough, though in another sense. From the street beyond the walls—Shalimar is slap-bang in the middle of a sort of shanty-town—the cries of hotel-vendors, sweetmeat men and raddish-sellers cut across the subdued, serious conversation of some 100 gardeners.

We halted before a huge, rectangular pond dotted with myriads of single-jet fountains. "This is where the Nawab of Kalabar, Governor of West Pakistan, is holding a reception for the Queen," said Abdul. The Queen and her husband will be seated here on this island in the middle—with all those hundreds of fountains playing round them."

Note to the royal party: The bridge across the pond is quite narrow. So is the "island." And the water is very muddy. Do be careful!

The Pass

I left, hoping that nothing so awful as a show-down with India over the head-waters of the Indus, which supplies the Punjab, will transpire to ruin Lahore's great occasion.

"Now," said Abdul, "let us on to the Khyber Pass." And where he learned his quaint old English, I do not know.

An hour's flight later, we touched down at Peshawar and set off straight away on a 60-mile, bone-bruising, nerve-numbing drive through the steep, red-brown gorge that forms this old-time gateway to India, "the male, unchanged scene of so much bloodshed," as Abdul said with a happy chuckle.

No blood was shed while I was there except my own.

Note to royal party: Don't wear high heels on the Khyber Pass. You're liable to fall and cut your hand. It makes the locals laugh a lot, but it really isn't worth it.

The banquets

Well, that was it. I did Karachi and Shalimar and the Pass in a little under 20 hours. The royals will take more than a week.

But they will have come 25 banquets and receptions to cope with as well. And I wish them the best of luck when they dine with the Malik tribe for whom sheep's eyes are the greatest possible delicacy.

(London Express Service).



TRANSATLANTIC NEWSLETTER

Refreshing—to hear a touch of cattiness in the talk...

FRESH from a holiday in England I am again en route to New York and all the delights of the up-coming year: the Inauguration, a special General Assembly, those slowly aging astronauts, et al.

Brief but blessed has been this stay. After many years in distant lands England is a joy beyond telling.

Conversation does not exist, in our terms of the world, among the Americans. Certainly Americans do talk but it is the kind of talk presaged by the words, "Now hear me out on



by **JEAN CAMPBELL**

this subject." And hear them out you must.

His advice

An elderly friend of mine, an ex-Congressman, with long white hair

and a giant golden watch chain, once told me the advice he gave to his only son.

"Never," he said, "my boy, get a reputation for wit. It will ruin you."

The son listened to his father: he curbed his public and private tongue through school, through college, through business, through love affairs and through war. Today the son is the youngest member of the United States Senate.

A trifle confusing for we gentle islanders schooled to the bitter wit of Benjamin Disraeli, Tim Healy and Michael Foot.

And party conversation. How it rips and sizzles, scars and sears in our beloved London.

In America ask of a friend and you will almost certainly be told: "Ah, he is a warm and lively person." Everybody, including your new husband, first wife but one is a warm and lively person.

After a few years of divorces, alimony, near suicide, court struggles, property settlements, you begin to gaze in wonder at all those warm and lively people.

Now in London, nobody will tell you that anybody is either warm or lively. Like bitches with bones we will carefully and conscientiously tear ourselves and everyone else we love to splinters—all to pleasure the present company.

The American does not understand this. Like Mack the Knife he keeps his jack knife out of sight until he wants to leave a body on the sidewalk oozing red.

So newcomers beware. As my grandfather said to me as we sailed past the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour 11 years ago: "Remember from here on everybody you meet will be good, kind and industrious."

Not Eleanor

EVERYBODY in London has their running favourite for Ambassador to the Court of St James. But,

alas, the person they most want is the person most unlikely to be given the post.

It is, of course, Eleanor Roosevelt. She cannot qualify on two counts. Firstly she has no private fortune and secondly she only clambered on to the Kennedy bandwagon on the suns of last summer.

Kennedy has in effect said that an ambassador's face must be his fortune. But that means the U.S. Treasury will have to be heavily raided to keep the embassy larders flowing with milk and honey.

Popular

NO money troubles harass the lanky 69-year-old Ambassador-at-Large Averell Harriman. For he inherited 100 million dollars at the age of 18. He will be warmly welcomed in our midst.

So, too, will his wife, Marie, who, although suffering from failing eyesight, is his dear companion. Marie, unlike so many important American women, was a friend to England in our grimmest hours.

And that we shall not easily forget. Harriman will be popular in the West but it will take some time before he can win the confidence of the Soviet bloc. As early as 1945 he said to James Forrestal: "The outward thrust of Communism is not dead—we might have to face an ideological warfare just as vigorous and dangerous as Fascism or Nazism."

Roosevelt's policy of "Teach the Russians to Trust Us—even at the expense of the English" was Harriman's first momentous mission.

It went a little askew when a secret swift surrender plan was found to be under negotiation for Kesselring's army in Italy—without, of course, Soviet knowledge. Nothing came of the plan except a sudden flare-up of bad feeling between the United States and Russia.

It was just after the war that Harriman came to England with a delicate mission entrusted to him by President Truman. He was told to explain that the Democratic Administration did not necessarily favour a Churchill government.

Harriman's intervention hastened the Socialists in their election campaign and before long Truman was dealing with a Labour administration.

While Mr Harriman may have much to explain to the Russians the Tory Party will have long forgiven his untimely intervention in British politics.



"Maybe if I looked less respectable the T.U.C. might give me something..."

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WOMANSENSE

LET'S SCRAP THOSE AGE-TAGS

By
JANE ROGERS

MORE nonsense is talked about age-tags in fashion than anything else. "Oh it's too young for me!" says an attractive woman in her forties, if you try to make her wear a pastel party dress. "But you look too old in black!" admonishes many a mother, when her teenage daughter buys a black suit.

One rule that we all ought to remember is that anyone can wear anything, at any age—if they choose their clothes with enough care.

I've seen two-year-olds look perfectly enchanting in black when it is enhanced with white. One of the best-sellers in the juvenile department this winter was a demure Victorian-style dress in black and white checked wool, with a lace collar.

To med with the red stockings and patent shoes it put in an appearance at a good many Christmas parties and made all the other toddlers look like something in fancy dress.

"Never wear white when you're forty" is one of the stupidest fashion maxims I know.

And this season hundreds of middle-aged women thought so too. For the best-seller on the ballroom floor last Christmas was a Grecian-style dress in white tulle.

"We just can't make enough of them," the designer told me. "The young girls won't look at them—it's their mothers who are buying them."

You can't be fashionable if you are fat any the beauty experts, the women who positively revel in making us go on a diet. But if you like being slightly

larger-than-life-size, and want to stay that way, you can still find high fashion to fit you—if you know where to look.

The Cardin suit, with its side-bustlers and scalloped hem, is almost a legend turned out for the size 42-plus, so are the new Dior-style dresses with dropped waistlines. You just have to search a little longer to find them.

Many large ladies find it difficult to wear a suit because their ample proportions tend to make a blouse and skirt part company. But one enterprising fashion house has solved this problem with notable success. They have stitched the blouse and skirt together, making them into a one-piece dress with a two-piece look about it. The top is in fine silk, the skirt in thick grey flannel. The result is magnificent.

WATCHING the telly has become such a national habit now in Britain that they have brought out special spectacles now for us to wear while viewing. Claimed to 'minimise glare and strain' they look, to me, suspiciously like sun-glasses dolled up in fancy gilt frames.



LEFT: A travel twosome for the large girl. This sheath dress and coat are by Clifton Silmline. The dress is in a new spotted fabric called Whispire, the coat in rayon with a linen look.

RIGHT: Two more dresses for the big girl, by Clifton Silmline. Bold black lines on a white ground make a pretty, easily-launders shirt dress selling for less than five pounds. The button-through is in a floral print, has a gored skirt.

LADY'S SWEATER

(in 3 sizes) (with 3/4 length or long sleeves)
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MATERIALS: 3/4 length sleeve, Lavenda 3 ply 9 (10, 10) oxi ground shade, 1 (1, 1) oz contrast shade.
Crisp crepe 3 ply 10 (11, 11) oxi ground shade, 1 (1, 1) oz contrast shade.
(Allow one ounce extra for long sleeves).
MEASUREMENTS: To fit 34 (36, 38) ins. Bust measurement. Length from shoulder—22 (22 1/2, 23) ins. Length of undersleeves seam: 3/4 Length—13 1/2 (13 1/2, 13 1/2) ins. Long—17 1/2 (17 1/2, 17 1/2) ins.
TENSION: 8 sts. and 11 rows equal one inch. (No. 11 needles).
ABBREVIATIONS: K, knit, p, purl, sts, stitches, ins, inches, tog, together, st, st, stocking stitch, which is the smooth side of one row knit one row purl, SKPO, Slip one, knit one, pass slipped st, over, rep, repeat, comm, commencement, beg, beginning, rem, remain, inc, increase, foll, following, G, ground, C, contrast, W, wool.
To work 2nd and 3rd size follow figures in parenthesis ().

POCKET LININGS: (2 required). Using No. 13 needles and GW cast on 31 (31, 31) sts. and work in st. st. (1st row—knit) for 3 (3, 3) ins., finishing after a purl row. Leave these sts. on a spare needle.

FRONT: Using No. 13 needles and CW cast on 138 (144, 152) sts.

1st row: * K1, p1, rep. from * to end.

Rep. last row once (once, once) more. Break off CW. Join GW.

Next row: (Right side); Knit.

Next row: * K1, p1, rep. from * to end.

Rep. last row six (six, six) times.

Right side: Change to No. 11 needles and work in st. st. (1st row—knit) until work measures 3 (3, 3) ins. from comm. finishing after a purl row.

Next row: (Make Pocket Opening); K15 (19, 23) (P1, K1) fifteen (fifteen, fifteen) times, P1, K44 (44, 44) P1, K1, fifteen (fifteen, fifteen) times, P1 K15 (19, 23).

Next row: P15 (19, 23) (K1, p1) fifteen (fifteen, fifteen) times, K1, P44 (44, 44) (K1, p1) fifteen (fifteen, fifteen) times, K1, P15 (19, 23).

Next row: GK15 (19, 23) Fasten off GW. Join CW. CK15 (31, 31) turn. C. rib 31 (31, 31) turn. C. cast off in rib. Rejoin GW. G. K31 (31, 31) sts. of 1st Pocket Lining, G44; Join CW. C. K31 (31, 31) turn. C. rib 31 (31, 31) turn. C. cast off in rib. Rejoin GW. G. K31 (31, 31) sts. of 2nd Pocket Lining, GK15 (19, 23), Break off CW.

Next row: Purl.

Cont. in st. st. (next row—knit) until work measures 13 (13, 13) ins. finishing after a purl row.

SHAPE RAGLAN: Right side; Cast off 3 (4, 7) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.

Next row: K2, SKPO, knit to last 4 sts. K2tog. K2.

Next row: K2, purl to last 2 sts. K2.

Rep. last 2 rows three (twice, twice) times more. 122 (130, 138) sts.

SHAPE NECK: Right side; Next row: K2, SKPO, K25, (0, 0) K2tog. K1, turn.

1st row: Purl to last 2 sts. K2, turn.

2nd row: K2, SKPO, knit to end.

Rep. last 2 rows once (once, once) more, then 1st row once (once, once) more.

6th row: K2, SKPO, knit to last 3 sts. K2 tog. K1.

Rep. last 6 rows until 3 (3, 3) sts. rem.

Next row: P1, K2.

Next row: K3tog. Fasten off. Return to rem. sts. with right side of work facing. Rejoin GW at centre, and work to correspond with first side, working SKPO in place of K2tog. and vice versa.

BACK: Work as Front as far as * Change to No. 11 needles and at 1st row—knit) until work measures 13 (13, 13) ins. from comm.

SHAPE RAGLAN: Right side; Cast off 3 (4, 7) sts. at beg. of next 2 rows.

Next row: K2, SKPO, knit to last 4 sts. K2tog. K2.

Next row: K2, purl to last 2 sts. K2.

Rep. last 2 rows until 38 (38, 38) sts. rem. Cast off.

3/4 LENGTH SLEEVES: Using No. 13 needles cast on 68 (70, 72) sts. and work as Back as far as *.

Work 10 (10, 10) rows more in K1, P1 rib. Change to No. 11 needles and st. st. (1st row—knit) inc. one st. at each end of 3rd and every foll. 4th row until 108 (110, 124) sts. are on needle. Cont. on these sts. until work measures 13 1/2 (13 1/2, 13 1/2) ins. from comm.

SHAPE RAGLAN: As Back until 8 (8, 8) sts. rem. Cast off.

LONG SLEEVES: Using No. 13 needles cast on 92 (96, 100) sts. and work as Back as far as *.

Work 10 (10, 10) rows more in K1, P1 rib. Change to No. 11 needles and st. st. (1st row—knit) inc. one st. at each end of 3rd and every foll. 4th row until 108 (110, 124) sts. are on needle. Cont. on these sts. until work measures 13 1/2 (13 1/2, 13 1/2) ins. from comm.

SHAPE RAGLAN: As 3/4 length sleeves.

COLLAR: Using No. 13 needles and CW cast on 212 sts.

Next 2 rows: C. Work in rib. Join GW.

Next row: (Right side); Knit.

Next row: Knit to within 4 sts. turn.

Next row: Rib to within 4 sts. turn.

Next row: Rib to within 8 sts. turn.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

NORTH wasn't at all proud of his opening spade bid and when South jumped to three hearts, North's first thought was to bid three no-trump to try to slow South down.

After some further thought North decided that his hand was not one to be achieved of and that his three trumps to the king-ton and diamond singleton warranted an immediate raise.

South might have jumped right to seven hearts after the raise, but he used the Blackwood four and five no-trump to check for kings and eventual-

NORTH (D)			
AKJ1076			
K107			
4			
KQ103			
WEST			
53			
863			
K1065			
9652			
EAST			
Q842			
563			
9732			
38			
SOUTH			
A9			
AQJ92			
AQ8			
A74			
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
Opening lead—♥3			

★CARDSENSE★

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass

You, South, hold:

AKQ54 ♠ AQ76 ♣ 2 ♠ AKJ7

What do you do?

A—Pass. Your partner has shown a reliable heart suit and an ace and two kings. He could have bid seven himself if he wished and hence his hand must be pretty unsatisfactory from some other standpoint.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand. Your partner responds one heart to your opening club and rebids three diamonds over your two spade jump. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

ly placed the hand in seven hearts rather than in seven no-trump.

It was a wise decision although seven no-trump can be made with double dummy play.

Seven hearts is much easier. Almost any reasonable play will bring home the contract, but the play South actually adopted was surest.

He won the opening trump lead in his own hand; cashed the ace of diamonds; ruffed a diamond; got back to his hand with a spade; ruffed his last three diamonds over your two spade jump. What do you do? spread his hand.

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): No matter how much confidence you may have in yourself, be open-minded if offered some constructive criticism.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If a person born under Gemini does not seem disposed to continue his association with you, you should not force yourself upon him.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let subtle flattery influence you to do something against your better judgement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You could easily become the leading spirit in your social circle if you took the trouble to exert your considerable charm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Instead of being unsure of yourself at an important examination, make up your mind to show the examiner how hard you have worked and how much you have actually learned.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A person who has not contacted you for a long time may have tried to do so unsuccessfully, and you should give him the benefit of the doubt.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Don't underestimate the intelligence of a much

younger person. You will find him quite able to grasp your rather involved explanations.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Just because you yourself are satisfied with your work, don't relax your efforts to make a good impression on those whose opinion really counts.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): By keeping calm during an important discussion you will score much more heavily than by entering into an excited argument.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A purchase you contemplate may not be worth the money you intend spending, especially as it could very easily suffer damage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You will find a much readier response from a rather slow person if you abstain from talking down to him.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): A member of the family may impose on your time, and you will have to put your own interests aside for a short while.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for CYCLAMEN. It ought to bring you luck.

Rupert and the Purple Star—43



Still wondering about Sailor Sam's latest words the two pals reach Mr. Bear's cottage. "Oh, Mummy, we've had such a time!" says Rupert. "It isn't wasn't for him! I shouldn't be here now, he's got to go to his home but he'll be back tomorrow and Sailor Sam."

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STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The Concert On The Wall

Teddy And His Friends Join A Song Fest By Mistake—

By MAX TRELL

"It's a funny thing," Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, was saying. "I can't understand what she means by it."

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, was saying these words to Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned About Name, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian.

Teddy sat himself down on the back steps of the house next to his two friends.

"She invited me to come and sing with her tonight," he said. "Who did?" Hiawatha asked.

"Who's she?"

"She did," Teddy answered promptly. "That's what I just told you."

"But who's she?" Knarf asked.

"Oh," said Teddy. "You want to know her name."

"That's right," said Knarf.

Teddy shrugged and looked blank.

"I think it's the Cat," said Hiawatha. "That's what I think, too," said Knarf. "Cats like to sing on back fences."

Like that night, after everyone in the house was fast asleep, Knarf, and Hiawatha and Teddy crept softly out of the house. They crossed the garden and tipped up to the wooden fence in the back.

At first it was too dark for them to see anything.

Then slowly the moon sailed up into the sky. And by the pale light, they saw a figure sitting on the top of the fence. "It's her!" shouted Teddy.

"There she is!"

Sure enough it was the Cat! She was so surprised to see Teddy and his two friends that she nearly dropped off the fence.

A Friend.

Knarf and Hiawatha and Teddy all puzzled over this strange note for several minutes before Hiawatha finally said:

"Now why should anybody want to sing on the back fence?"

Then Knarf said the only thing to do was for all three of them to go round to the back fence that night and see for themselves who it was.



"A note hit me on the nose," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear.

with me. It's lots of fun singing on a back fence."

So Knarf and Teddy and Hiawatha and the Cat all sat close together on the back fence and sang at the top of their voices. They sang and sang and sang, louder and louder, until someone opened the window and threw a shoe at them and shouted: "Skat!"

"I guess," said the Cat, "not everybody is fond of our singing."

So they all got off the fence and went home to sleep.

Hongkong Selection . . . 2 Furukawa F.C. . . . 0

HELTER SKELTER SOCCER

Japanese champions create excellent impression against strong Colony side

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Ten thousand cheering soccer fans stayed to the final whistle when the Hongkong selection beat the visiting Furukawa Electric Company team by two goals to nil at the Hongkong Football Club Stadium last night.

The lively, sharp-as-a-needle Japanese side brought a welcome breath of fresh air into our football affairs and, while they could never quite match the Colony side in class and power, their tremendous enthusiasm and their helter skelter approach to the game produced as satisfying an occasion as we have enjoyed for a long time.

The match was played at an astonishing pace. The fast tackling of the visitors prevented the home side from settling down to their normal studied style and the fans got plenty to shout about as the ball swung from end to end in exhilarating fashion.

The Japanese boys created an excellent impression. Strong in the tackle and imagination in their sometimes unorthodox leading up work, the all Japan champions soon showed why they had won such a high position in their own country. Their play was intense. . . in fact it was maybe too intense. . . and there were times when the run of the game simply screened someone to fill the ball, halt the hell-for-leather pace of the proceedings, and impart a modicum of culture and stability to the whole show. That was the big deficiency in the Japanese side. They did not have a single player who would stop chasing the ball long enough to "read" the pattern of the game and plan accordingly.

GAY GALLOP

Everything was done at a gay gallop. The important thing from the visitors' point of view was that they were fit enough to sustain their effort and thus they forced the Hongkong side by circumstances into an almost similar type of play.

If the Furukawa boys could have borrowed the services of someone like "Speedy" Yip Cheuk-yin, Ho Cheung-yau or maybe best of all, wily old Chu Wing-keung to direct their efforts they would have given the Colony representatives a very sticky time. . . for, with a touch of pique in their visit to Hongkong, it is surely that two inside-forwards who do not fall back to suppress attacks springing from wing-halves is talented as Lo Cheung-kwong and Wong Man-wai must have their side in trouble. Yeagashi and Naganuma worked like Trojans

in attack but there was a great gap behind them and it was in this space that the Hongkong victory was fashioned.

Hoaka had a grand game between the sticks and one glorious save in the early stages of the first half was superb stuff. It was also good to see a goalkeeper clearing his lines naturally with either foot and when the occasion demanded, throwing with basket ball accuracy to an unmarked colleague.

The stalwart of the defence was centre-half Kumata and that is praise indeed for he had to meet non-stop Chow Shu-hung in his most enterprising mood.

BUNDLE OF TRICKS

The Japanese wing-halves and forwards tended to play too much of their football across the field rather than towards the Hongkong goal but little Takahashi proved himself a speedy bundle of tricks on the right touchline and together with Yeagashi—the best Japanese forward—he made up a most entertaining wing.

The visitors faded a bit after Hongkong scored their second goal but that was hardly unexpected for they expended more honest-to-goodness effort in this game than I have seen in half a dozen league matches during the season.

The Hongkong side was a pleasant blend of youth and experience and from goal to outside left they made up a well balanced outfit. They had a definite edge over the opposition in class and basic skills but for a long time they allowed the visitors to dictate the hectic pace of the game and it was only when Kwok Yau took over from Yeung Wai-to that brain was substituted for strain.

The local players then began to control the speed of the various movements; passes were shortened; and construction replaced sheer speculation. Once this happened the visitors began to fade and the real difference between the two sides became more obvious.

Chow Shu-hung, surely the most energetic and enterprising footballer in the Colony at the present time, gave the home side

the lead with a magnificent right foot shot late in the first half. . . and Au Pang-lin got the second well on in the game when the Japanese left-back missed the ball in attempting a clearance.

VERDICT. Congratulations to both teams on a most refreshing performance. This Japanese side can come back as soon as it likes. The visitors showed themselves to be exemplary sportsmen and very promising footballers who will certainly become a power in Far East soccer in the not too distant future. . . and who are the sages who have persistently said we have to pick box office names to draw the crowds? The fans have been "taken-to-the-cleaners" so often by the "stars" that they are now looking willingly to the youngsters for more wholesome soccer entertainment. . . last night proved that point if it did nothing else. Let's hope the lesson is not lost on the selectors when they meet to pick the teams for the next series against our Swiss visitors.

Teams: FURUKAWA F.C. Hosaka, Tochio, Ogawa, Hiraki, Kamata, Ogawahara, Takahashi, Yeagashi, Uehine, Naganuma. **HONGKONG SELECTION:** Lo Tak-kuet, Luk Tak-hung, Kwok Kam-hung, Wong Man-wai, Lee Kang-wai, Lo Cheung-kwong, Au Pang-lin, Yeung Wai-to (Kwok Yau), Chow Shu-hung, The Ben-kuen, Leung Wai-hung. Referee: Mr. Lenton.

Manchester U hands

Spurs second

defeat of season

London, Jan. 16.

Manchester United with goal keeper Harry Gregg injured for half the match, inflicted the second defeat of the season on English Football League First Division leaders Tottenham Hotspur when they beat them 2-0 at Old Trafford, Manchester tonight.

Here of the match, watched by a 65,293 crowd, was United centre-forward Alex Dawson, who took over in goal when Gregg was injured in a forward rush five minutes before half time, and brought off several magnificent saves in the second half. Gregg, operating at centre-forward, showed he was more than a "passenger" when he gave Mark "Panchito" Pearson the back pass for United's second goal. Their first had been scored by Robert Stiles after only 13 minutes of the first half, in a period of inspired

United football. Spurs, unable to make any impression on the quick tackling United defenders, failed to score for the first time this season in 26 league games, their only other defeat was from the hands of Sheffield Wednesday who beat them 2-1 at Sheffield on November 12, tonight's match was postponed from Saturday.

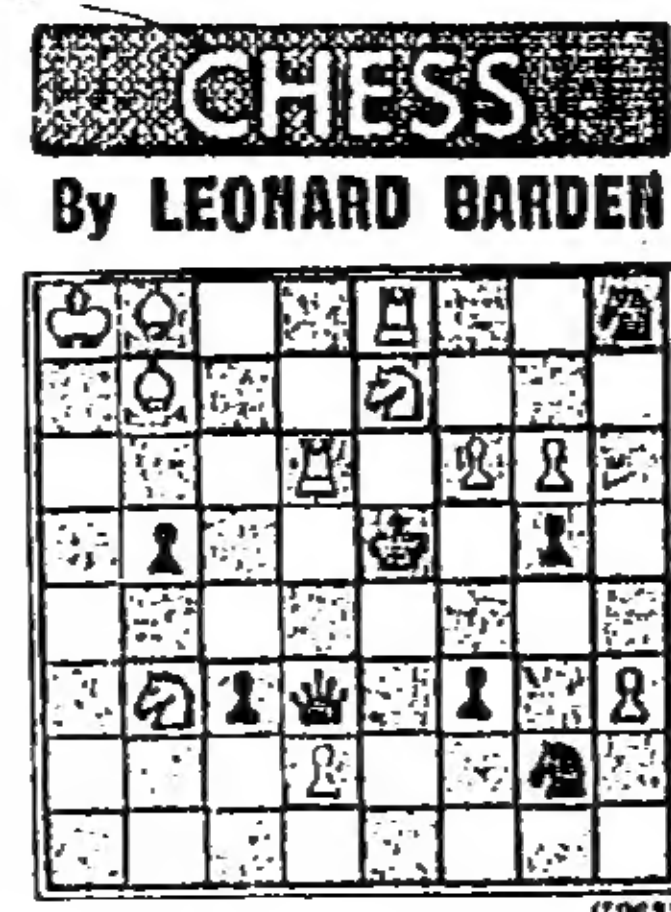
Tottenham, retain their leadership of the first division with 46 points, from 26 games, 10 points clear of Wolverhampton Wanderers, who have 36 points from 25 matches. Goals during extra time by Denis Law, Britain's costliest Footballer, and Joe Hayes, gave Manchester City a 2-0 win over Cardiff City in their Association Cup third round second replay at Highbury, London.

In another third round second replay, Aldershot entered the fourth round with a 2-0 win over Shrewsbury Town at Villa Park, Birmingham.—Reuter.

UK football results

London, Jan. 16.

Results of football matches played today: English League—1st Division. Manchester United 2, Tottenham Hotspur 0. 2-1. F.A. Cup—3rd round replay. Manchester City 2, Cardiff City 0 (at Highbury, London). Aldershot 2, Shrewsbury Town 0 (at Villa Park, Birmingham).—Reuter.



Here is a problem by G. Heathcote (Chess Amateur 1512). White to play and mate in two moves.
Solution No. 5962: 1. K1-B5 (threat 2 Q-B1), KxK1; 2 Q-B1 or 1. K1(B2)-Q4 dis. ch; 2 R-KK1, or 1. R-Q6, 1. . . K1(B2) K1(K2)-Q4; 2 R-QB3.
London Express Service.

DRAMATIC REPLY TO THREATENED UK FOOTBALL STRIKE

London, Jan. 16.

In a dramatic reply to the threatened professional footballers' strike on Saturday, the English Football League said today that the full day's programme would take place on Friday.

In a telegram to all English clubs, the League secretary, Mr. Alan Hardaker, instructed them to make tentative arrangements for the switch.

The telegram added that more definite news would follow Wednesday's "last ditch" meeting at the Labour Ministry between representatives of the league and the Professional Footballers' Association—the players' trade union.

The strike—over a wages and contracts dispute—has been called by chiefs of the 2,000-strong players union.

Wednesday's meeting will represent a final effort at reconciliation between the two sides before the planned stoppage.

Mr. Hardaker said today that in the event of the strike taking place, most of Saturday's matches would be played under floodlights on Friday night. At grounds where there were no light, fixtures would be played in the afternoon.

Mr. Hardaker commented on the recent appeal by Mr. Ted Hill, trades union congress chairman, for all trade unions to back the players' strike.

'REBEL' LEAGUE

He said: "When we get officials of other unions interfering in what is primarily a sport, then the clubs cannot be blamed if they make it quite clear that, while they are prepared to be reasonable and listen to any questions on clarification the F.A. may want of principle, they will not break any other union's interference."

Yesterday, Players' leaders were reported ready to stage a complete 40-match "rebel" league programme. These matches, played in public parks, could be the basis for

next Saturday's football pools, the strike leaders suggested.

But P. F. A. Secretary Mr. Cliff Lloyd said today: "I personally feel we are so near to a settlement that Wednesday's meeting could provide the answer."

Mr. Hardaker's telegram was being discussed by a meeting of the pool promoters in Liverpool this afternoon.

Some have already issued coupons for the weekend, and are anxiously awaiting the outcome of Wednesday's meeting between players and clubs.

Meanwhile in London Mr. Jimmy Hill, the players' chairman, countered the league's move with a hint that by bringing the strike notice forward 12 hours or so, players could be instructed not to appear on Friday.

FOOTBALL POOLS

"Our committee will meet on Wednesday night, after the ministry meeting, and it will be up to them to decide whether

the strike notice should stay or be brought forward if there is no agreement," he said.

Unquestionably, he added, the league's tactics were to enable the Football Pools organisers to function this Saturday. "Presumably, within the next ten days, the whole people would have time to make alternative arrangements and publish other fixtures of some sort."

Mr. Hill suggested the League might fear legal action by the pool promoters if the fixtures were not carried out.

He hoped that, whatever happened, the Football Association Cup programme would not be affected. The players would not want the F.A.—the game's legislative body—to lose by the strike, he said.

League President Mr. Joe Richards said of the Friday games: "We are merely taking our own steps to safeguard our interests if there is a strike. . . it must be appreciated that the League has to make some arrangements."—China Mail Special.

Alexander hits century WEST INDIES IN STRONG POSITION IN THIRD TEST

Sydney, Jan. 17.

The West Indies, 283 for eight at lunch, were all out in their second innings for 326, setting the Australians the formidable task of making 464 in about nine hours to win the third Test.

Gerry Alexander, West Indies' vice-captain, was just man out with a splendid 108, his first century in Test cricket and one which came when his side needed the runs most.

He reached his century in 205 minutes, which included eight fours and one six.—Reuter.

SCOREBOARD

West Indies

First Innings: 239

Second Innings

C. Hunter, c O'Neill b Davidson 1
C. Smith, c Simpson b Davidson 55
R. Kanhai, c Martin b Davidson 3
G. Sobers, c Groot b Davidson 1
F. Worrell, lbw Davidson 62
S. Nurse, c and b Mackay 11
J. Solomon, c Harvey b Davidson 1
G. Alexander, lbw Mackay 108
L. Gibbs, st Groot b Davidson 10

W. Hall, b Mackay 24
A. Valentine, not out 19
Extras 12
Total 326
Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-20, 3-21, 4-122, 5-144, 6-150, 7-168, 8-240, 9-309.

Bowling Analysis

O M R W
Davidson 4 0 1 33 3
Mackay 3 0 1 12 0
Benaud 4 14 113 4
Martin 10 0 63 0
Mackay 2 4 8 2
Simpson 4 0 10 0

First Innings: 202.—Reuter.

Perth pushing ahead with 1962 Empire Games preparations

Perth, Jan. 16.

Officials in Perth, Western Australia, are already pushing ahead with work for the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

Buildings have cleared sites for the Games village in Floreat Park and the athletic stadium in Bold Park. "Park" is a common name for suburbs of Perth, and this will be the theme of the Games—a meeting of Commonwealth athletes in garden surroundings.

The velodrome is already built. The last Australian cycling championships were held there and the track was voted the best in Australia.

Tenders are being invited for the aquatic centre in Beatty Park and the Perth City Council hopes that it will be in use by the end of the year (1961).

Perth is considered one of the most beautiful of Australian cities, and Games officials hope to have the city looking its best for the athletes and visitors from all parts of the Commonwealth who will come for the Games.

Hotel Space

The chairman of the accommodation committee for the Games, Mr. Cyril Dudley who is father-in-law to the champion miller, Herb Elliott, says: "Anyone from Western Australia who occupies a hotel bed in the central city area during the Games will be doing the State a disservice."

A new 23-storey hotel belonging to the Hilton chain will be built in time for the Games, and officials hope that all hotel accommodation will be reserved for visitors from overseas and other States. The friendly people of this sunny State seem to think that the Games will finally destroy any suggestion of isolation from the States to the east.

Sports leaders have their minds set on additional attractions for the city during the Games. The rich Queen's Cup horse race will be run at that time, for example, and it is hoped to arrange a special fixture here with an English cricket team who will be touring Australia that summer.

The £A965,000 Perth Games village, which will house 1,500 athletes and officials from more than 30 British Commonwealth countries, promises to be one of the most attractive "villages" in the history of these Games. It will be built in a bowl in unglazing country, and natural bush parks will be a feature of the design. Attractive native gum trees will predominate.

Some 152 three- and four-bedroom houses will be built on the village site by the State Housing Commission. Lawns between the rows of houses will serve as training tracks for the athletes and will be a blessing for those who buy the houses after the Games.

The Perth City Council has given the 62 acres of land for the village to the State housing commission, which will develop it in association with the Council.

The house-building programme will probably not be started until 12 months before the Games, because the State Government does not want the houses to stand empty for too long.

The village is within a mile of the site of the athletic stadium and the city beach, where an international surf carnival will probably be held during the games. It is also within two miles of the Leederville Oval training track, the Velodrome and the showground, which will also be used for some Games events.

The £A500,000 athletic stadium will be built in an amphitheatre in Bold Park. The site is below a ridge which will protect it from westerly winds.

The Stadium

At the stadium, which will seat 50,000, the arena will be hexagonal, to permit extra space beside the track for timekeepers, stewards and other officials. New dressing rooms are being provided at the velodrome and two grandstands, each to seat 2,000, will be completed before the Games.

The aquatic centre, which will be only two miles from the heart of the city, will contain:

(1) A competition pool 50 metres (165 feet) long and eight lanes (64 feet) wide.
(2) A diving pool with three-metre, five-metre and ten-metre diving boards.

(3) A children's teaching pool.

(4) Stands to seat 10,000 people.

The centre is scheduled to be completed in September 1961. The cost of these works is being borne by the Perth City Council, the Western Australia Government and the Australian Government.

A 1962 Games fund-raising committee has the task of raising the £A250,000 needed to run the Games. It will be used to help pay the fares to Western Australia of the 1,500 British Commonwealth athletes and officials, to furnish the village where they will live, to feed them for the three weeks of the Games, to provide the special sports equipment they will need, to staff the Games, and to meet the 101 other obligations attendant upon caring for visitors.—China Mail Special.

Two swimming records in Queensland

Brisbane, Jan. 16.

Fifteen-year-old David Gerrard of Auckland, New Zealand, set two Queensland state swimming records here tonight, 65.8 seconds for the junior 100-metre butterfly and 2:27.4 minutes for the senior 200-metre butterfly.

He set both during the 200-metre senior butterfly event during the Queensland championships at the 50-metres, freshwater valley pool here.

His junior 100-metre record was 4.3 seconds better than the old figure and his senior 200-metre figure was 3.5 seconds faster than the previous Queensland best.

Results: Men's 200-metre freestyle: 1. John Hogby 2:07.7 (Queensland record); 2. David McMonagle 2:11.4; 3. Ken Fredericks 2:13.4.

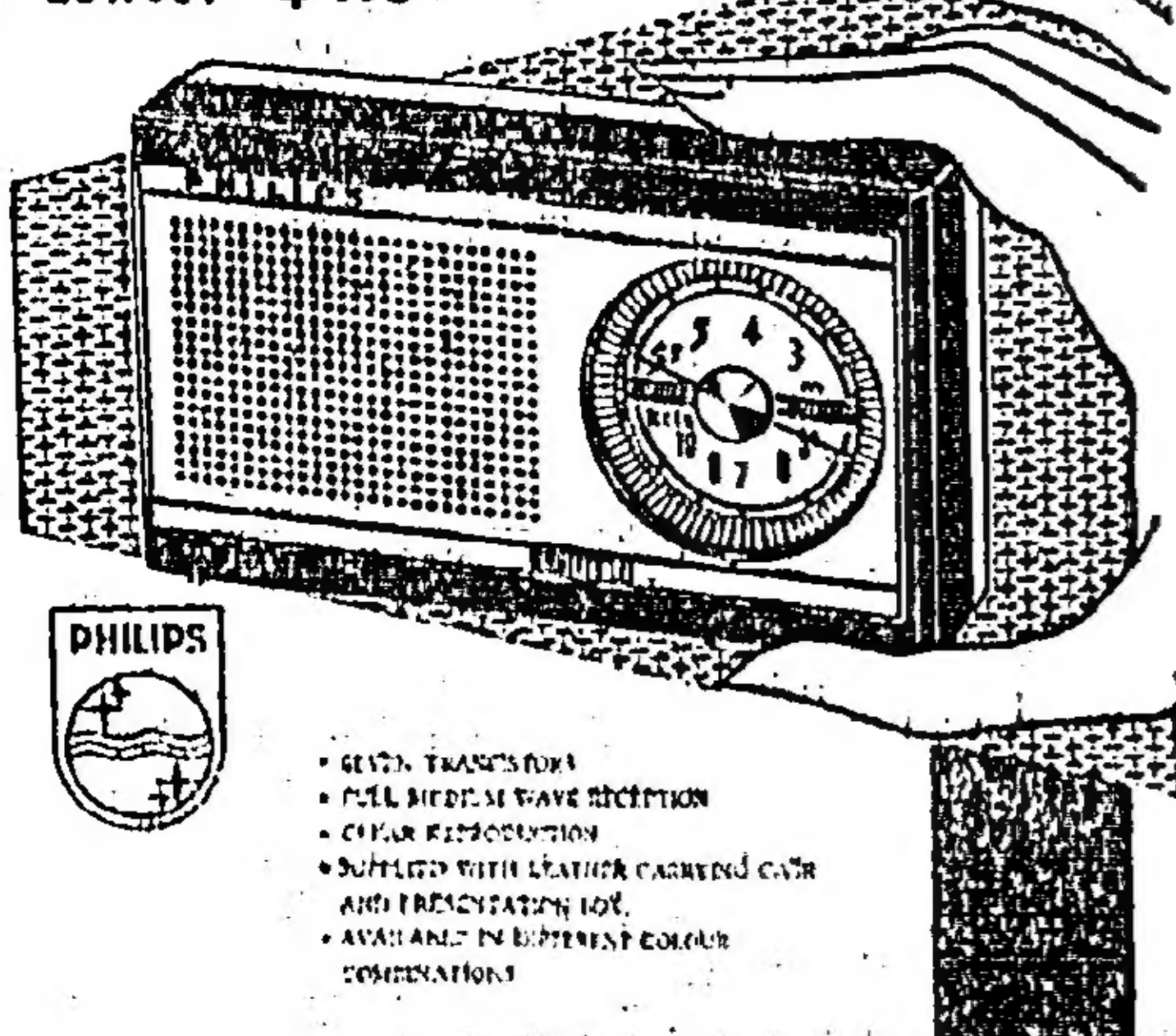
Women's 400-metre freestyle: 1. Jan Paine 5:04.3 (State record); 2. Shirley Nicholson, New Zealand, 5:09.7; 3. Cheryl Kensett 5:10.4.

Men's 200-metre backstroke: 1. John Fingleton 2:28.7; 2. Bruce Robertson, New Zealand, 2:28.0; 3. Tony Fingleton 2:31.7. Men's 200-metre butterfly: David Gerrard, New Zealand, 2:27.4 (state record); 2. John Bennett 2:29.2; 3. Brian Crody, New Zealand, 2:33.0.—UPI.

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DON'T BE NASTY TO SPURS!

Spurs, Spurs, Spurs. Everyone at the moment is talking about Bill Nicholson's exciting team—and with very good reason. But is everyone talking honestly and realistically about them? Is their game quite so Continental as some people have suggested?

My own view is that the 1960-61 Spurs' game is very English and is hardly to be likened at all to the brand played on the Continent. I don't believe that the team could have been so consistently successful in the heavy conditions of recent weeks if they had not been using an essentially English game.

Spurs' strength is based on an outstanding half-back line which challenges strongly in the English manner in mid-field. The team makes considerable use of the high, long pass from the wing. And if there was ever a typical English centre-forward it is surely bustling Bobby Smith.

Secondly, some people have unkindly remarked that the Spurs have gained a big championship lead because the opposition is weak.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Meeting Executive Committee meeting, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 6.30 pm.
Golf Ladies' Bronze Cup at Fanning New Course.
Squash Colony League: Fiddlers v Police (Victoria Park) 8.30 pm; Dragons v Gurdians (Victoria Park) 8 pm; Sek Kong v USC (Sek Kong) 6 pm; HKCC v Victoria (Victoria Park) 5.30 pm; Westwood v IAF (Telok) 6 pm; Cripples v Stanley (Stanley) 6 pm.

They could well pull off "the double"

standard in the First Division is as high now as it ever has been. My conclusion, therefore, is that the present Spurs XI are a really outstanding side—with as great a chance of achieving the elusive League-Cup double as any side has had in modern times.

Unbeaten

Is that famous double possible nowadays? I believe it is—even though modern conditions are for more exciting than when Preston and Aston Villa achieved that splendid feat.

Preston, in winning both competitions, were unbeaten in the League and did not concede a goal in the Cup. And when Villa did the double, they won the League by a clear 11 points. It must be remembered that Preston played 22 League games and only five Cup ties for the double in 1889, and that Villa played only 35 games in their great season of 1897.

How much tougher it is now when teams are involved in 42 League matches as well as long battles for the FA Cup. And now, too, there are the European competitions and, for most clubs, the new and heavy burden of the League Cup. Yet clearly the double is possible in modern conditions. Such clubs as Manchester United, Wolves, Newcastle, Sunderland, Villa, West Bromwich Albion and Arsenal have all come near it.

Manchester United might well have achieved it in 1957, when they finished eight points ahead of runners-up Spout in the League. If only they had not lost goalkeeper Ray Wood through injury early in the Cup Final game. And last season, of course, Wolves were only one point short of the double.

Some people argue that Spurs have a great chance in the FA Cup because their lead in the League will permit them to ease up slightly in the Championship. My own view is that relaxation of this kind would be most dangerous and might well operate against them in the Cup competition.

On our toes

I believe the tight struggle for the League last season helped Spurs enormously in their Cup success. It kept us busy and on our toes. During that nerve-racking period of seven weeks between the semi-final and final games we just didn't have time to think about loss of form or confidence.

Great reserve strength is vital in bidding for the double, and here Spurs score particularly well. Last season, injuries caused few changes in the Wolves team, but strong reserves were there to provide a feeling of security. But no club—not even Spurs—can be considered red-hot favourites for the FA Cup, such is the attractive element of chance in the competition. (All rights reserved)

NEW WORLD
880 YARD
RECORD
PREDICTED

Wellington, Jan. 16. A new world 880 yards record will be in the air when New Zealand's 800 metres Rome Olympics champion, Peter Snell, runs against his greatest rivals, Belgium's Roger Moens and Jamaica's George Kerr at Auckland this Saturday.

They are meeting in the first of six Olympic star-studded athletic events to be held in different centres throughout New Zealand within nineteen days.

In Saturday's 1,500 metres New Zealand's other Rome gold medalist Murray Halberg will be running against America's 21-year-old Burlington who has twice run the mile in under four minutes and who came sixth at Rome.

AFTER LAY OFF

Arthur Lydiard who coaches Halberg and Snell forecasted that if the other half mile runners were as fit as Snell a new world record was likely.

After laying off for most of the season with a burst blood vessel in one of his legs, Snell ran a good half mile a few days ago recording one minute 53.5 seconds with the last lap in 54.5 seconds.

Kerr is already in New Zealand while Halberg is due back tomorrow from the United States followed by Burleson and Moens on Wednesday.—AFP.

SQUASH CHAMPION

London, Jan. 16. Michael Oddy of Scotland tonight defeated defending champion Ibrahim Amin of the United Arab Republic, 9-2, 7-9, 10-8, 9-4, in final of the British Amateur squash rackets championship.—AP.

BOOKS AND SPORT

Jack Dempsey outpoints Archie Moore

By CHARLES STEPHEN

Both have won and lost world title fights; both have fought over 200 professional bouts. Both have suffered poverty, hunger and heart-breaks. Both have known the glamour of being a Hollywood film star.

Few champions, even in the boxing world, have such remarkable rags-to-riches stories to tell as 64-year-old William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey and 44-year-old Archie (Moore) Lee Wright.

Moore married five times; Dempsey three. Moore, as a boy suffered the slings of racial discrimination. Dempsey, as a champion, was persecuted because he failed to fight for his country in World War I.

Dempsey can record such great moments as his spectacular killing bout against Jess Willard, the famous Flippo fight, and the long count. Moore can recall two world heavyweight title bouts, eight defences of his world light-heavyweight title, his incredible come-back against Yvon Durelle, and his spectacular dieting.

In a battle of authors they should make a close match. But, in fact, Dempsey proves an easy winner on points—though in fairness to Archie it should be stressed that the "Manassa Mauler" has been aided by two professional "seconds"—Bob Considine and Bill Slouin.

This trio call their book "Massacre in the Sun" (Heinemann 18s) and it is the best Dempsey book—right have yet read. Like a Dempsey bout, it is tough, action-packed, with no punches pulled.

The "Manassa Mauler," most unpopular of ex-champions, has his story improves as a result. He can now look back on events without allowing bitterness and professional pride to colour his judgment.

Thus, the new dignified Dempsey writes with well-controlled emotion about Tippecanoe's long, count escape:

"I hit him seven times while he was going down... I thought he was finished. I thought I had become the first guy ever to win back the heavyweight title after blowing it."

FIRPO

Robbed? "I don't think I was. Everything happens for the best."

As for the time he was knocked out of the ring by Firpo, Dempsey confesses he was too dazed to realise what had happened. "I have no memory to this day of the most spectacular thing that ever happened to me in my fighting life."

But don't imagine this is a watered-down version of the Dempsey saga. He makes it clear that he was no sweet scientist of the ring. "I'd stand over a fellow who was down and count him as he tried to rise."

Some bitterness—or rather sadness—remains. "I was hoodwinked when I fought Willard, though he seemed twice my size. I fought an Argentinian before my countrymen and was hoodwinked."

The fight against "Georgios" Georges, soldier of France, was the last of his career.

But the Ancient Arch, fighter of craft and cunning, is at his best when he writes about his boxing art. "My conclusion, all other skills being equal, is that in this game you have to be a finisher. If Yvon Durelle had been a finisher he would have won my title in our first fight in Montreal."

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hurt him the most "Carpetier was the hero of the hour. I was just a butcher who happened to win."

It is a story full of ironies, twists and contrasts. Example: The U.S. Government said he was a slacker; later that he was worthy of the Legion of Merit. ("The United States Government was wrong both times").

He says that he feared only one boxer (Sam Langford), that he strengthened his jaws by chewing pine, bathed his hands in brine, and fought 175 guys in one year, ("sometimes as many as four a night").

Finally, he ended his life advised come-back after being slapped all over the ring by Kingfish. Levinson. The defeat, thinks the wise old Dempsey, was one of the best things that could have happened.

As much fascinating information is to be found in "The Archie Moore Story" (Nicholas & No. 17s, 6d.), alas, it does not get the professional treatment it deserves.

PROBLEMS

Archie's story starts and finishes at a cracking pace; in between the going becomes heavy as he labours too long over his climb to boxing fame. Yet he has a warm and human story to tell of the Mississippi boy who wanted to become a professional player and took the petty trying to buy an instrument of his life in reform school after being sentenced to three years for robbing a store; of his fight back after a car crash, peritonitis and pneumonia.

At times, Moore talks gravely about racial problems, juvenile delinquency and sex crimes. Then there are flashes of Old Archie's sparkling wit ("The first I ever recall having was a boy named Johnnie Cunningham. Today he is an undertaker... I hope he will not box me again").

Moore tells how he had to leave his bride for three days to make a boxing tour of Australia; how he was blackmailed over a photograph ("my hair wasn't combed and I'm vain about my appearance"); how the referee "robbed" him in his fight with Marcelino. He insists that he is 44 years old and devoted 17 pages to explaining his secret diet.

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Finally, Incredible Archie Moore indirectly answers the 64 dollar question: when will he retire?

He writes: "Some people say it's great when a man retires undefeated—champion. But the undefeated champion means I must be beaten. A champion should fight to the finish and go out with his hands cocked just as he came in."

When he does finally retire, Archie plans to get very, very fat "just once" and to open a health camp for hurried business men. Wise old Archie, already owing

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Transvaal saved from defeat

Durban, Jan. 16. Only a hour 60 from South African test cricketer Sid O'Lian saved Transvaal "A" from defeat by Natal in their Currie Cup match here today.

Transvaal, who scored 223 in their first innings, needed 233 in 200 minutes to win, after Natal had exactly equalled their first innings score of 240 in the second.

But they lost wickets quickly, and had to defend desperately as they slid to 112 for eight, finishing 145 runs behind.

Earlier, two other Springboks had also distinguished themselves. Natal batsman Roy McLean hit up 82, and off-spinner Hughie Taylor was the best Transvaal bowler, with six for 66. Former South African rugby international, Alan Hale also had a good day, knocking up 61.—China Mail Special.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1961.

Corruption case against three policemen ends

The case against three policemen on charges of conspiracy and corruption came to an end in the Victoria District Court this morning when the Crown offered no further evidence against the accused.

Justice B. J. Jennings acquitted and discharged all the accused after Mr. H. B. How, the defence counsel, asked for dismissal of all charges.

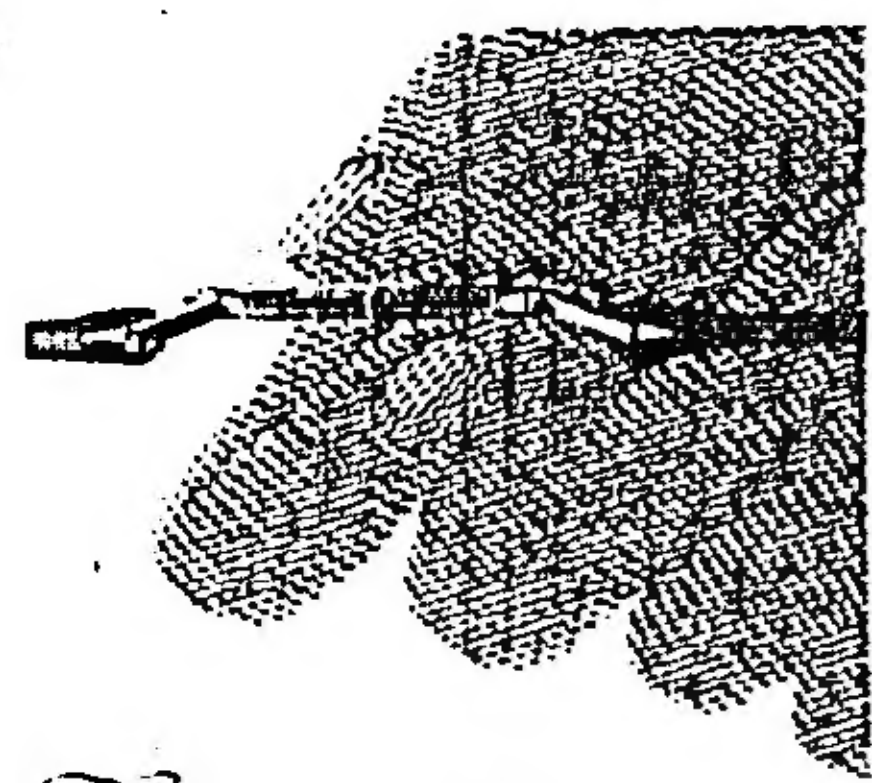
The accused were Sgt. Inspector Man Kam-to, Corporal Wong Sai-kau and PC Ko Kim-chau.

TRIAL OF MANAGER FIXED

Hearing of a case against Wong Shi-hung, managing director of a trading company, charged with uttering a forged document, was fixed for February 15 by Mr. Derek Cons at Central this morning.

Rioting in Kenya

Nairobi, Jan. 16. Two European officers were injured when police were stoned in a fresh outbreak of political rioting in Nairobi in Kenya's White Highlands tonight.



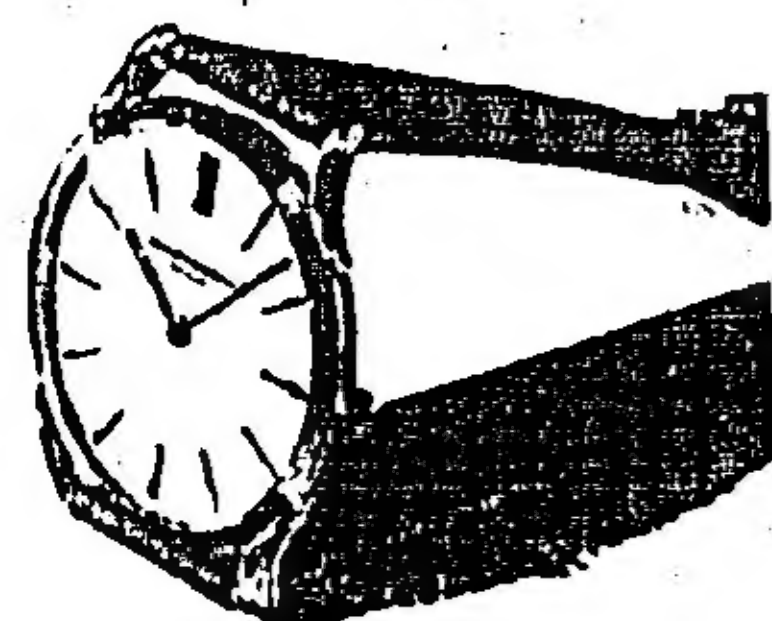
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TEMPERATURE DROPS TO WINTER LOW

Hongkong experienced its lowest temperature this winter—45.2 degrees at 7 this morning.

This represents a drop of 8.2 degrees from the 53.4 at the same time yesterday.

The new low this morning is still above the minimum of 42 degrees recorded last winter.

The cold spell over the last few days is due to the more northerly winds.

THE CAUSE

"We are still under the influence of a continental anti-cyclone with prevailing north and north-northeasterly winds," said a spokesman for the Royal Observatory.

"The more northerly the winds, the colder it becomes as the winds coming from the continent are much colder than those coming from the sea," he explained.

Forecast for today: Fine with dry air from the continent and low relative humidity. Moderate north to northeasterly winds. Possible strengthening of winds at night with slightly colder temperature.

HK RECORDS JAPANESE EARTHQUAKES

The Hongkong Observatory recorded yesterday four earthquakes which occurred near Japan, a spokesman said today.

The first one, the strongest, occurred at 3.25 pm, the second, at 7.25 pm, the third, at 8.18 pm and the fourth, at 11.47 pm. He indicated that the first tremor, measured in intensity half way between the Chile quake which occurred on May 22, 1960, and the Formosan earthquake on September 25, 1950.

The Chilean earthquake was of magnitude 8.5, while the Formosan one, of magnitude 7.

The Chile tremor, which set off tidal waves, was considered to be one of the strongest quakes in the world, he added. The Hongkong report was confirmed by information from Tokyo that the earthquake and aftershocks which shook Japan yesterday, were the strongest since the 1946 Fukui earthquake which killed 3,728 people.

On June 2, 1948, the earthquake hit Fukui city and Fukui prefecture, toppling buildings and setting off a series of fires.

CUT OFF

Parts of the prefecture were cut off from the outside world for a number of days, and all transport was disrupted.

Radio Moscow last night reported that the central earthquake observation station in Moscow recorded three earthquakes in Japan yesterday.

dear sir

A literary feast

From time to time I have commented favourably on the many attractive features in your paper, particularly your Saturday issue where each week Sir Beverley Baxter regales us with his fine prose writing on interesting topics in his "London Letter", and this time I want to commend you specially for that exceptionally fine piece of descriptive writing from the pen of the Rev. Leon Atkin entitled "The old man who kept a sacred promise" in your issue of Saturday, January 14 which ranks with some of the finest stories of the late Sir Hall Caine.

Whether the story is true or existed out of the imagination of the reverend gentleman I am unable to say, but in my humble opinion it is truly a masterpiece, and as such I am having it cut out to be read whenever I feel sentimental. Were I of the so-called "weaker" sex, I should have need of several handkerchiefs beside me as I read the Rev. Mr. Atkin's story which is a great story of eternal love worthy of the imagination of our film producers.

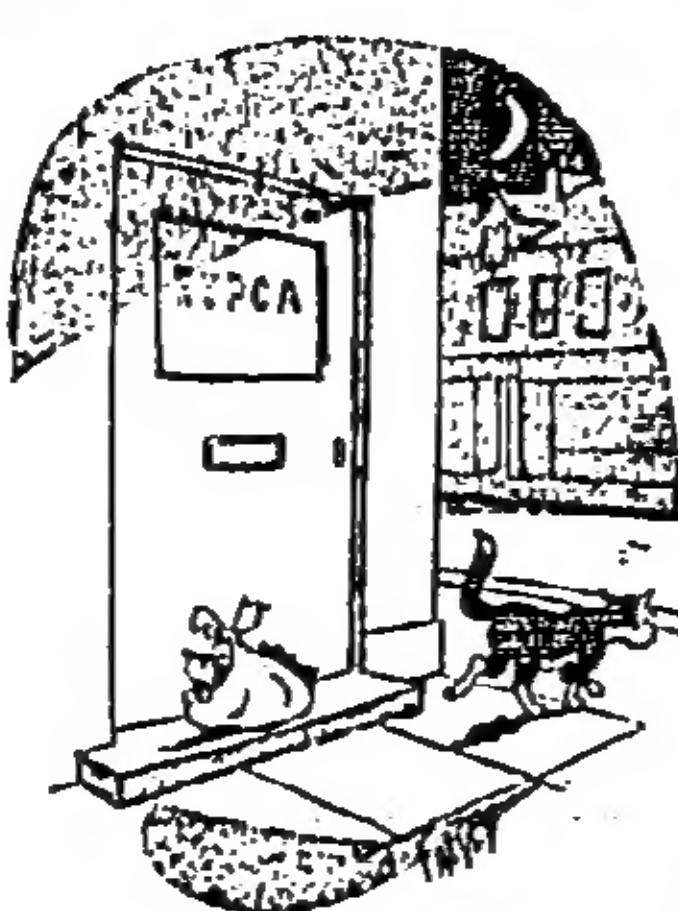
As for this week's (or rather last week's) article by Sir Beverley Baxter captioned "Who'll be the Man of 1961?" in his "London Letter", it is one of his best efforts of this infant year that has not yet seen its "Full Moon". His comments on Russia and China were identical as my own submitted to one of your contemporaries some weeks or months ago, but for some reasons my humble contribution was suppressed, although nothing offensive was mentioned apart from the reference to "Yellow Peril" which possibly might have been regarded as objectionable by the editor who spurned my unworthy effort.

OLD MAN READER.

dear sir

Suffering cats

Instead of suggesting to school-teachers that they read once a term Kipling's instructive story "The cat that walked by himself" to their pupils, your leader of Thursday—"Suffering Cats"—should perhaps be suggested instead. As for my own feelings on the subject, I enclose Mr. Falvey's drawing which I feel sure



he would have no objection to your using. Even if your cats can draw, I trust they cannot read!

H. M. HOWELL,
Secretary,
HKSPCA.

ROOFTOP FIRE IN CENTRAL

A small fire broke out on the rooftop of 375 Queen's-road Central at 9.40 this morning. There were no casualties.

Damaged by the fire was a wooden structure used as a kitchen on the rooftop.

The blaze was put out within 15 minutes of the arrival of Fire Brigade personnel. Six fire engines and two ambulances were sent.

Exhibition opened



Mrs. A. Dekker is seen in the above China Mail photo cutting the ribbon at the opening of Miss Pansy Ng's exhibition of paintings this morning at the Library of the U.S. Cultural Centre, Ice House-street. Miss Ng is standing on Mrs. Dekker's right.

Travel record

London, Jan. 16. Britons travelled a record 170 million miles at home and abroad by car, motor-cycle, and scooter last year, the R.A.C. announced yesterday. — London Express Service.

Oil company executive on holiday



Mr. Frank Cannon, an executive of the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco), at Dhahran, Arabia, arrived by Swissair from Tokyo for a seven-day holiday with his wife and family. Mr. Cannon, a negotiator in contracts and agreements between the Arabs and his company, is at present on a two-month round-the-world trip with his family.

Following their visit to Hongkong, the Cannons will fly to Bangkok, and Mr. Cannon said he expected to be back at his post by Jan. 28.

Items can be taken back—at discount

For the first time in Hongkong, 18 jade stall-owners have banded together and formed the million-dollar Hongkong Jade Market. It was opened yesterday.

On show are hundreds of items in jade made locally and mounted on gold or platinum. These include ear-rings, bracelets, pendants, necklaces, finger-rings, and many other ornaments.

PEARLS TOO

On sale also are Japanese cultured pearls.

Primarily catering for shoppers, the market makes it a rule to accept any item returned by a customer within three days if he finds it unsatisfactory—at a ten per cent discount.

The market does not fix prices for the Colony. There are some wholesalers among the dealers themselves.

The market was well-patronised by many shoppers this morning, showing much more driving power than the stalls would if they were on their own individually.

It is situated at 244-246, Des Voeux-road West.

Encoffining of Mr Henry Leong

The encoffining ceremony for the late Mr. Henry G. Leong, 70, retired businessman was held at his residence at 38 Repulse Bay-road this morning.

Mr. Leong who died on Sunday is survived by his widow, ten children and many grandchildren.

The Rev. George She officiated at the ceremony. He was assisted by Rev. Cheung Wing-nok.

Among those who attended the service and sent wreaths were: Mr. Michael Turner, Mr. J. C. McDouall, Mr. Fung Ping-fan, Lady M. K. Lo, Mr. Norman Lee, Mr. Daniel Ali, Mr. A. Kit-chell, Mr. P. F. Hutton, Mr. S. A. Tremlett, Mr. Chey Po-ming, Mr. Ma Kam-cham, Mr. John D'Arth, Mr. Ng Ping-ling, Mr. Chung Pok-sang, Mr. and Mrs. John Luff, Mr. J. N. Cotton, Mr. B. C. Field, Mr. S. M. Perry, Mr. L. J. Benuch, Mr. Eric Kwok, Mr. Leong Ki-ho, Mr. George Sun, Mrs. Harry More, Mr. John Louis, Mr. Wong Cheung-yu, Mr. G. Lao, Mr. Yee On-ji, Mr. Johnston Wong, Mok Ying-ki, and others.

The funeral will be held at the Tsun Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery tomorrow.

Five cases for Criminal Sessions

Five prisoners will appear in the first Criminal Sessions of the year when the Assizes open on Thursday.

Three of the accused are on murder charges and the other two on charges of demanding money with menaces.

They are: Siu Wan, charged with the murder of Tal Chung; Ip Wan-wah, charged with the murder of Wong Ho; Hui Chun-wing, charged with the murder of Ling Kau-hei and Mok Kon-shui; Ng Hok-kay on two charges of uttering letters demanding money with menaces; and Wu Kui-chuen, on one count of uttering a letter demanding money with menaces. They will appear before Mr. Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr.

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CAR parks on part of the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground form part of the most radical proposals ever made by a local commission appointed to study the Colony's growing parking problem.

The Morning Post motorist correspondent said: "I have hinted for some weeks past that astonishing things were expected of the Parking Commission set up some months ago to investigate this question but it was not until yesterday that I learned why their report had not been made public.

"The fact is that the Commission found itself reduced to sanctioning the existing parking arrangements and suggesting that one of the Colony's most influential sports clubs should give up the ground which has featured many thrilling Interport matches and forms the only scenic amenity in the City proper."

The Government has rejected the suggestion without bothering to place it before the Legislative Council and has referred the Commission's report back for alternative proposals.

That their report should be rejected so promptly after the months of work that the Commissioners voluntarily gave of their time, shows that the Government have strong feelings on the matter; but in the absence of any feasible alternative they may yet have to reconsider the point.

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Detective Inspector Arthur James William Doring, a popular member of the Hongkong Police Force, is retiring on pension on January 20, after almost 23 years service. He is remaining in residence with his family in Hongkong, and it is understood he is going into business.

During his period of service, he received a Police medal in connection with work during the 1922 strike in the Colony, while in 1934, he was commended by His Excellency the Governor in connection with the rounding up of two desperate gangs of robbers who were responsible for holding up money changers establishments.



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